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BOTH TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL PRESIDENT BYATT AND 1975

VISITING MISSION CHAIRMAN MURRAY REGRET THAT THEY CAN

NOT RPT NOT ATTEND THE NMI INAUGURAL CEREMONY.

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF THEIR MESSAGE TO THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

QUOTE: DRAFT MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE TRUSTEESHIP
COUNCIL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS

I MUCH REGRET THAT PREVIOUS COMMITMENTS MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE
FOR ME TO ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION TO ATTEND THE INAUGURATION
ON 9 JANUARY 1978 OF THE FIRST ELECTED GOVERNMENT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS.

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR INAUGURATION I SHOULD LIKE TO SEND
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TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
MY BEST WISHES FOR YOUR FUTURE PROSPERITY.

UNTIL THE TERMINATION OF THE TRUSTEESHIP AGREEMENT THE
TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO CONCERN ITSELF CLOSELY
WITH THE WELFARE AND INTERESTS OF ALL OF THE PEOPLES
OF MICRONESIA, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS.

AS YOU WILL KNOW, THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL HAS ALWAYS
FAVOURED THE MAINTENANCE OF A DEGREE OF UNITY BETWEEN THE VARIOUS
PARTS OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.
AT ITS SESSION IN 1977 THE COUNCIL URGED THAT, ONCE THE
COMMONWEALTH HAD COME INTO BEING, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND
CULTURAL LINKS SHOULD NEVERTHELESS BE MAINTAINED BETWEEN THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND THE REMAINING DISTRICTS
OF THE TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.

I VENTURE TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT, AMONG THE MANY DUTIES
WHICH CONFRONT YOU, THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO SEEK
TO PROMOTE AND MAINTAIN SUCH LINKS. I WISH YOU WELL IN
THE TASKS WHICH LIE AHEAD OF YOU.
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